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Claims 5, 10, 15-20 and 25-29 are in the application, with Claims 5, 10, 15 and 25 having been amended, with Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14 and 21-24 having been cancelled, and with Claims 26-29 having been added. It is noted that, as to the new claims, claim 26 is based on former claim 3, but now made dependent on former claim 5; claim 27 is based on former claim 8, but now made dependent on claim 10; claim 28 is based on former claim 13, but now made dependent on claim 15, and claim 29 is based on claim 23, but now made dependent on claim 25. Claims 5, 10, 15, 16 and 25 are the independent claims herein, each of claims 5, 10, 15 and 25 having been rewritten in independent form but without being changed in scope. No new matter has been added.

It is noted with appreciation that each of the now pending independent claims has either been allowed (as in the case of claim 16), or has been found by the Examiner to recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be allowable, and passage to issue is respectfully requested. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

Respectfully submitted,

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